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ANOTHER KILLING IN THE COOPER FAMILY

Clarence Cooper Shot By His Uncle, James Cooper

Clarence Cooper, 30 years old, married and the father of an infant child, was shot and killed on the public road near his home three miles north of Aquilla last Saturday evening at about five o'clock.

James Cooper and his wife, Clara, were arrested and charged with murder in the first degree. They are the uncle and aunt of the deceased. Both were brought to jail where they were kept until Wednesday when Mrs. Cooper was released on a \$5,000 bond signed by her father, W. T. Henson, a wealthy farmer of Pike township. Mr. and Mrs. Cooper have eight children ranging in age from 9 to 20 years. The children were cared for by neighbors while their parents were in jail.

We understand that Jim Cooper makes no denial of the murder but claims that the act was done in self defense.

Coroner C. O. Bennett empaneled a jury and held an inquest Saturday night. The jury was composed of J. L. Wallace, J. C. Henderson, W. T. Cook, C. E. Kuhn, Fred Johnson and C. F. Fry.

They examined the body of Clarence Cooper and heard the testimony of Joe Cooper, father of the deceased, James Hester, near whose home the killing occurred, and Frank Menley. They testified to hearing the shots fired and later finding the body lying by the side of the road face downward in a pool of blood.

The shots were fired from a double barrel shot gun, loaded with No. 4 shot at close range. The shots entered the back of the head near the base of the skull. An autopsy performed Sunday morning by the coroner, assisted by County Health Officer Dr. E. Phillips of Bloomfield, revealed the presence of a steel jacketed bullet of considerable size lodged in the fore part of his skull. The theory being that some of the shot had been removed from the shell and this slug inserted to make sure of its deadly effect.

The killing took place only a short distance from the home of Ed and James Hester and within one half mile of the scene where the deceased killed Edgar Cooper, his cousin, a son of James and Clara Cooper, and his uncle, Will Cooper, last August. It is believed that the tragedy last Saturday resulted from the family feud that has existed in the Cooper family for a quarter of a century and has now resulted in three killings within the past 5 months. Clarence and his father were under bond for the former murder. A trial of Clarence Cooper at a special term last December resulted in a hung jury, ten standing for acquittal and two for conviction.

Jim Cooper and his wife and Clarence Cooper were in Bloomfield all day Saturday. Clarence returned home on the afternoon train. He got off the train at Aquilla. Jim Cooper and his wife drove in a buggy waiting at Aquilla until Clarence was some distance ahead of them on his road home.

They overtook him about dusk and it is alleged shot him from the rear as they were about to pass him in the road. In a statement to the prosecuting attorney the elder Cooper claims that Clarence obstructed his passage and threatened him and that he believed he was armed. No weapons were found on his body.

Judge J. I. Fort of Dexter has been retained to defend the Coopers. The preliminary trial of Jim Cooper has been set for next Wednesday before Esq. J. F. Adles. Mrs. Cooper has waived a preliminary and has been admitted to bail—Bloomfield Vindicator.

PLANS UNDER WAY FOR BASE BALL CLUB

Meeting Will Be Held In Drum & Hastings' Office Tonight To Complete Organization

A meeting was held at Drum & Hastings' office Sunday afternoon for the purpose of discussing plans for a Twin City base ball club this year. Geo. L. Heyde was elected chairman of the meeting and several plans were presented and discussed but no permanent organization was perfected.

Fred G. Wedeking of Hopewell, Mo., was present at the meeting. He has been coaching base ball teams for several years. He is contemplating moving to the Twin Cities and promises to take charge of the team. He has a son who is a first class pitcher and arrangements are being made to engage him for the season.

Another meeting will be held tonight to complete plans and effect a permanent organization. Be there and help promote a winning team.

RAMBLERS DEFEAT MAYFIELD TEAM

Cape Teachers College Team Wins Here 39 to 17

The Cape Girardeau State Teachers College Ramblers defeated the Mayfield quintet in the gymnasium here last Friday night by a score of 39 to 17.

The score at the end of the first half stood 12 to 10 in favor of Mayfield, but in the last half the Ramblers struck a scoring stride that Mayfield could not break up.

Hardy, Mayfield's center, starred in the game being the fastest man on the court. Sullivan at guard played a good game as did Center at forward. Masterson and Harris made most of the points for the Ramblers.

We do not feel bad over losing this game when the standing of the two teams is considered. Masterson is a first string man and has played in several games this season. Harris played with the Rolla Minors two years and won a sweater both years. He recently played with the Teachers College team in the game with Carbondale. The other three men on the team are regular Rambler men and played here the night of Feb. 17 in the game with the Lutesville high school.

The Ramblers played a fast, clean game and were real sportsmen of the type that it is a pleasure to play against. We have no kick coming on the first team men for there were no restrictions made as to the players.

Prof. Abernathy of the Lutesville high school refereed the game.

JACKSON GIRL SAID TO BE VICTIM OF SLEEPING SICKNESS

Jackson, Mo., Feb. 22.—A case that is causing much comment here is that of Miss Clara Hoeckle, 17-year-old daughter of Charles Hoeckle, a merchant in West Jackson, who has apparently been sleeping for several days.

All efforts to arouse her for any length of time have been unavailing and the case is generally conceded to be one of sleeping sickness. Two days ago after all attempts to arouse her had failed she was subjected to an electric shock which revived her long enough to take medicine and nourishment.

Several months ago Miss Hoeckle is reported to have undergone an operation for appendicitis, but her attending physician does not attribute her present condition to the operation. The case is of a nature unheard of in this community.—Cape Sun.

Mr. and Mrs. Mitt Kinder of Buchanan went Saturday night at the Gay Estes home near this city.

LAW ENFORCEMENT ORGANIZATIONS

Attorney General Daugherty is asking the citizens throughout the country to assist in running down law breakers, particularly those who violate the 18th amendment to the constitution, known as the Prohibition law.

The state of Missouri has been divided into 29 districts, one of which comprises Cape Girardeau, Scott, Bollinger and Mississippi counties. An organization along the lines recommended by the attorney general has been made in Cape Girardeau district and the following officers elected: President, Rev. S. M. Robinson; secretary, Mrs. Robert Howard; chairman publicity committee, Isaac C. Smith; chairman delegations committee, Rev. C. H. Swift; chairman posting committee, Rev. E. H. Orear.

On Friday, March 10, 1922, there will be an afternoon and evening rally at the Centenary M. E. Church in Cape Girardeau. Assistant Attorney General Campbell, Hon. Jao. P. Kramer, formerly U. S. Law Enforcement and Commissioner, and Rev. W. C. Shupp, chairman of the anti-saloon league of Missouri, will address these meetings and short talks promotive of the interests in view will be heard from leading citizens and ladies.

Every community within the district is urged to send a delegation to this rally. In order that this may surely be done some person will be appointed in every community who will be known as sub or local chairman, whose business it will be to secure promises from people who will attend. Sending the names of those who may be depended upon to Rev. Chas. H. Swift, chairman of delegations committee.

All good citizens, men and women, will stop a minute now, and give this matter the right of way over every thing else. Flagrant violations of the prohibition laws are rampant everywhere. The state and nation are disgraced and humiliated by unpunished "bootleggers" and others who make and peddle all sorts of concoctions with a "kick" in them, and the health, safety and well being of many communities are seriously jeopardized.

The attorney general is ready to handle these law breakers effectively, but he must have the moral support and cooperation of the people to assist in apprehending the criminals. There are no politics, denominationalism, color or race preference in this movement. Everybody touch elbows and get busy.

S. M. Robinson, President.
Mrs. Robert Howard, Secretary.

BANK OF BLODGETT CLOSED YESTERDAY

State Finance Commissioner J. G. Hughes yesterday closed the Blodgett Bank in this county. At the same time Commissioner Hughes sent an examiner to take charge of the Bank of Patton, in Bollinger county.

The failure of both banks is said to be due to the advancement of funds approximating \$34,000, to the J. E. Marshall Mercantile Company, of Blodgett, which was unable to take up its paper when it became due.

The Blodgett Bank had a capital stock of \$30,000 and a surplus of half that amount. The Bank of Patton had a capital of \$10,000 and a surplus of \$4,000. Commissioner Hughes says the capital of the banks is apparently wiped out, but he does not think the depositors will sustain any losses.—Sikeston Herald.

Mr. Fields, editor of the Lilbourne Herald, was in this city last week attending the School of Methods and made our office an appreciated visit Friday morning. Call again, Brother!

ADVANCE STIRRED WHEN OIL IS FOUND

Several Buckets of High Grade Petroleum Found in Well, Report

Advance, Mo., Feb. 25.—Considerable excitement was created here yesterday by the report of the discovery of oil in a well sunk by the Kentucky Oil & Gas Co. near Tilman. It is reported that several buckets of crude petroleum of a high grade have been taken from the well.

Promoters of the project here declare that there are excellent prospects of securing oil in paying quantities. Operations will be resumed at the well on Monday, but it is not expected that much progress can be made until new casing is secured.

The company has 3000 acres of land leased for oil prospecting purposes in this vicinity. A. D. Bollinger, president of the Advance Exchange Bank, is the president of the company and W. F. Futeh is the general manager. A number of men interested in oil drilling visited the well here today.—Sunday's Cape Sun.

SEDEGWICKVILLE WOMAN DIES AT HOSPITAL

Mrs. Jane Crites Succumbs After Serious Operation

Mrs. Jane Crites, wife of Tom Crites of Sedgewickville, died at the St. Francis hospital at six o'clock last night after a serious operation had been performed by local physicians. Mrs. Crites was 51 years of age and leaves to mourn her death besides her widower, six children, all of whom live in Sedgewickville.

The body will be taken to Sedgewickville today where funeral services will be held. The burial will take place Monday afternoon in the Sedgewickville cemetery. Mrs. Crites was born and raised at Sedgewickville. She was a daughter of the late Peter Hartle.—Sunday's Cape Sun.

BAPTIST CHURCH NOTES

T. H. Jenkins, Pastor

Services conducted by the pastor last Sunday. Scripture lesson, Psalms 34.

In the afternoon Miss Aretta Bowick and Mrs. Mather addressed the ladies of the missionary union.

About 46 diplomas were given to those who took the B. Y. P. U. work with the state worker, Mr. Hockett, during the School of Methods.

The Sunday school will give a missionary program March 29. Attendance at Sunday school, 108. Collection \$3.17.

Church Reporter.

BANK OF PATTON CLOSES DOORS

The Bank of Patton closed its doors and a bank examiner is in charge of it. The closing of the doors came after the Marshall Merc. Co. of Blodgett failed to take care of the loans received from the bank. As yet a statement has not been issued, but it is thought that the depositors will be safe.

Lutesville News

Charley Welker of Hurricane Fork passed through this place last Saturday. He is moving to the vicinity of Advance.

Erma Howard of near Gravel Hill moved to Greenbrier the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Mitt Kinder of Buchanan were here Saturday doing some trading.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Phelps of Glen Allen were shopping in this city Monday.

Roy Winters of Flat River came down Monday on business.

Mrs. Ira Welker and babe of Advance visited friends here

AMERICAN LEGION BAND

Picture Show

"The Copperhead"

With Lionel Barrymore

In February, 1918, there was presented on the New York stage a play called "The Copperhead." The day before its opening no one knew anything about it. The day after the entire city was talking about it.

"The Copperhead," by Augustus Thomas, with Lionel Barrymore in the leading role, scored the most pronounced success of any play on the stage that season. Its appeal was universal. The house was sold out every night for months. Critics proclaimed it to be one of the greatest plays ever written.

"The Copperhead" has been made into a Paramount Artcraft picture, with Lionel Barrymore as star, in the same role he created on the stage. Charles Maigne adapted and directed it from the Thomas play.

SPECIAL MUSIC BY BAND AND ORCHESTRA

Drum's Hall Saturday Night March 4

from Saturday until Monday. She informs us that a son was born to Prof. and Mrs. Jesse McCallough of Advance a couple of weeks ago.

George Pontard of Pontard Springs here Monday.

Mrs. Fred J. Peters of Farmington visited her sister-in-law, Mrs. Clara Allen, here this week. She had been visiting in Arkden, Mo. and stopped off here on her way home.

Will Henry of Boone Terra spent Monday in Lutesville with his sister, Mrs. William Allen, and for the first time in many years. He has sold his bakery and left Tuesday looking for a new location.

Roswell Mansker and family of Randles returned home Sunday after visiting on Cape creek.

A son was born to Mrs. and Mrs. Avery Day Sunday.

We are glad to report Postmaster Franklin Sitze improving in health.

S. R. Smith of Marble Hill is unloading a car of lumber for a building at the College.

F. M. Lacy of Mableton was here Tuesday on business. He was accompanied home by Charles Gibbs of Glen Allen.

Rev. Wimmell filled his appointment at Cornwall Saturday and Sunday.

Plans are under way for the president's home at the College. S. R. Smith has the contract and a car of lumber has already arrived. Building will be in season. Mrs. Harris is having the building erected, and it will be brick veneer.

SHAREHOLDERS' MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the annual stockholders meeting of the Lutesville Lumber Co. will be held at 100 North Main St. on Saturday, March 25, 1922, at 8 o'clock a. m. and that said meeting will be continued during at least three hours unless the object for which said meeting is called be accomplished sooner. The first part of said meeting is to elect the directors of said bank to serve during the ensuing year.

Given under our hands this 29th day of February, 1922.

J. A. Berry, President.

Attest: Emma C. Berry, Cashier.

Harry Sample of Doniphan was in this city the latter part of last week on business.

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